

# **Mount San Jacinto State Park Interpretation Master Plan**

## **Public Meeting #1**

### **Session 1: Palm Springs**

#### **Programs and Activities You Enjoy at the Park**

- Interpretive hikes
- Little informational signs (“nuggets”), e.g. Mountain Mahogany, San Andreas Fault view, etc. (Done in the past; participant would like them brought back.)

#### **Park Issues that Could Be Improved with More Information to Public via Interpretation & Education**

- How to respect and care for the park
- How to stay found, not lost
- Being prepared, especially in winter
- Generate stewardship message that carries beyond the park]
- Feeding Wildlife—interpret reasons for **not** feeding wildlife
- Cutting switchbacks on trails (erosion, habitat of sensitive species, safety, etc.)
- Interpretation and access into Hidden Divide Natural Preserve.
- Sign placement—park vs. wilderness. Interpret the difference between wilderness and the other areas of the park, how they are treated and managed differently.

#### **What Other Interpretation or Education Opportunities Would You Be Interested In If they were Available?**

- Space for Museum—Redesign museum now in Mountain Station
- Multi-use building in Long Valley: Interpretation/Ranger Station
- West side trailhead interpretation
- Coordinate with Forest Service and the National Monument (BLM/Forest Service) on information, inc. website links, possible cooperative programs.—
- More web interpretation and other media
- Do offsite interpretation and education

## **Session 2: Idyllwild**

### **Displays, Programs and Activities You Enjoy at the Park**

- Signs at Grubb's Viewpoint
- Guided Hikes
- Interpretation and information brochures
- 3D-4D presentations for those unable to go to Long Valley
- Maps with trail lengths marked

### **Park Issues that Could Be Improved with More Information to the Public via Interpretation & Education**

- How to respect and care for the land -- [stewardship](#)
- Trash
- Feeding wildlife
- Safety
- Stay on Trail
- Wilderness Survival-10 essentials (include more information in the Long Valley Ranger Station)
- Fire ecology-holistic multi-agency approach (information on fire management, controlled burning, prevention.)

### **What Other Interpretation or Education Opportunities Would You Be Interested In If they were Available?**

- More universally accessible interpretation
- More interpretation in Idyllwild, especially showing what the top of the mountain is like
- Large touchable 3D map showing elevations, features
- Nature education in schools on both sides of the mountain. Good opportunities to counteract "Nature Deficit Disorder".
- Interpretation of CCC artifacts & structures in Round Valley area
- More pre-park history interpretation—for example, logging and ranching
- More animal wildlife interpretation: bears, birds, amphibians, etc. and species of special concern
- How desert, southern Sierra & Peninsular Ranges species meet on the mountain
- Scientific nature studies done in and around park—e.g. Grinnell's study, Harvey Monroe Hall

- Tree ring studies—Some trees still surviving with wedges removed; could be shown as examples.
- Fire sensitive plants and sensitive plants in general
- Plant communities
- Climate change effects on park
- Self-guided interpretation info
- Wayfinding info